

Moving freight

Keeping freight moving is key to a growing economy.

Extending SR 167 links one-third of the region’s trucking and storage facilities with the Port of Tacoma, one of North America’s largest container ports. Each year, truck traffic increases as the Port, a state economic engine, imports and exports billions of dollars of goods and commodities.

Other ongoing and proposed congestion relief projects along SR 167 will help move freight through the corridor, providing a more efficient route for the growing number of trucks, while improving air quality, regional connections and safety for drivers.

Moving people

Looking for a faster, safer trip? We hear you.

Traffic along the existing SR 167 has increased dramatically from 15,000 vehicles per day in 1970 to 125,000 vehicles per day in 2005. Perhaps that’s why more than half the Puget Sound residents in a recent survey named traffic congestion or lack of transportation options as the region’s top problem.

Extending SR 167 to Tacoma provides more route options for commuters and regional travelers and creates a more efficient connection between south King County and Pierce County.

Whether you’re among the 30 percent of residents who commute regularly between the two counties or you’re traveling farther east, completing SR 167 provides a vital link in our highway system.

Restoring habitat, walking/bike trails

It is fitting that a highway with breath taking views of Mount Rainier also ties into travel options for hikers, bikers and wildlife.

Besides managing stormwater runoff and preventing water pollution, the project’s environmental components are designed to improve a salmon-bearing stream, natural wetlands and wildlife habitat essential to this region’s history, culture, health and beauty.

It’s only natural

- Restore wildlife habitat, including streams, streambanks, wetlands and forests
- Restore aquatic habitat along Hylebos Creek, Surprise Lake Drain and Wapato Creek
- Improve water quality for resident chinook and coho salmon and cutthroat trout
- Connect walking/biking trails, including the Interurban Trail, in the Fife/Milton area

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Completing a vital Pierce County freeway to keep freight and people moving

To complete State Route 167, engineers are designing an extension from SR 161 in Puyallup to Interstate 5 in Tacoma, with a connection to SR 509 near the Port of Tacoma. The new six-mile highway extension, with carpool/transit lanes, park-and-ride lots and weigh stations, will:

- move freight faster, more safely and more economically
- relieve congestion on local roads and other highways by providing commuters and regional travelers with travel options
- apply innovative environmental designs to help protect area waters from pollution and improve stream habitat feeding into Commencement Bay

The highway’s original planned route ran from Renton to Tacoma, but construction halted near Puyallup in the 1980s as engineers worked from north to south with the available money.

The Washington State Legislature recently committed money to advance design and purchase some right of way property, refocusing on a project that is critical to providing faster, safer travel options for one of the state’s fastest-growing areas.

The Regional Transportation Investment District, governed by elected officials from King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, plans to include extending SR 167 on its list of projects proposed for a November 2007 funding ballot measure. The ballot measure would pay for additional property and construction.

SR 167 is the primary freeway connecting the Kent and Puyallup River valleys to the Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue metropolitan area.



Increase freight mobility



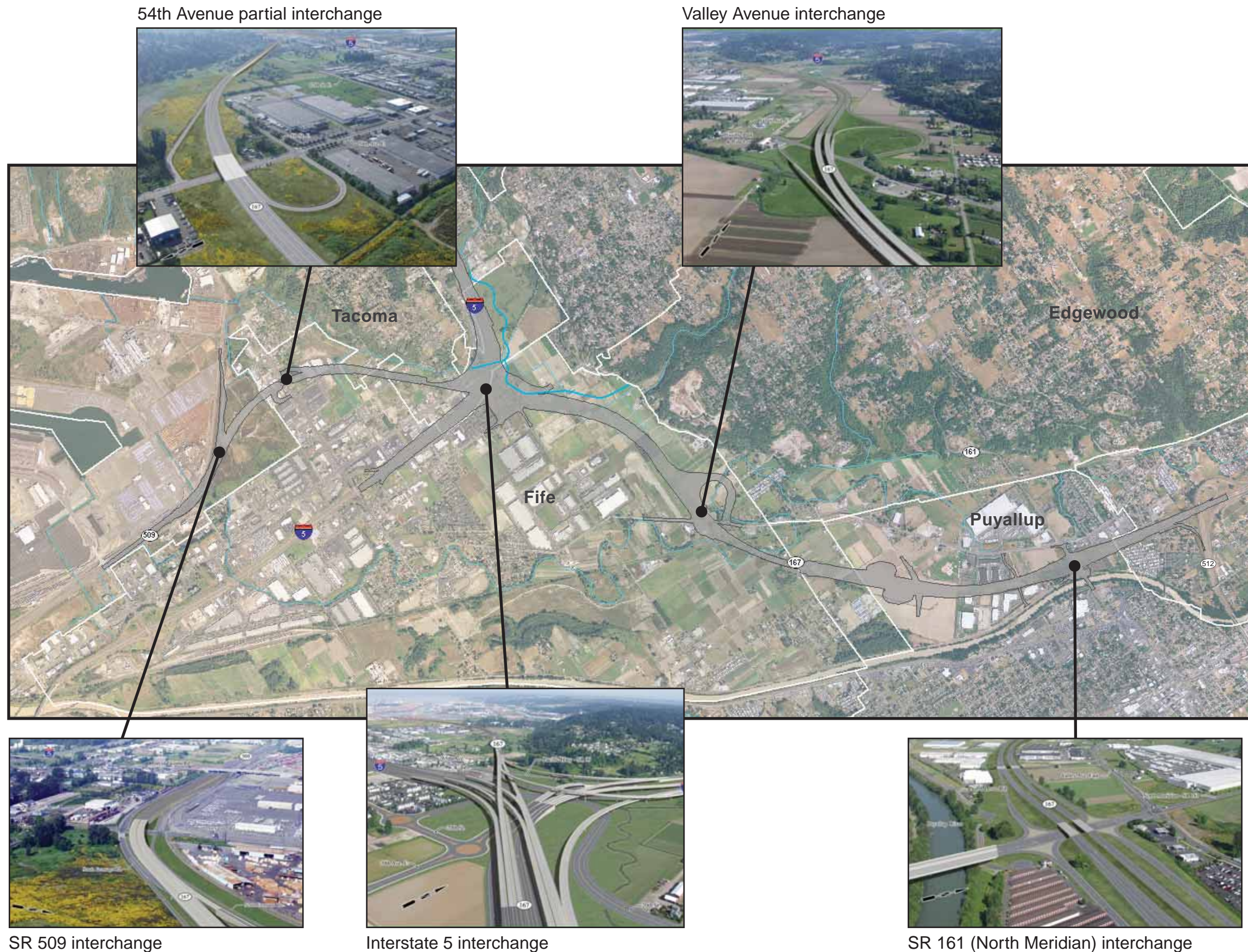
Enhance habitat



Relieve traffic congestion



# How it will look



## Completing SR 167



### Current funds

\$133.3 million for design and right of way purchases

### Funding needs

Estimated \$2 billion for design, right of way and construction

### Environmental Impact Statement

Completed fall 2006

### Construction

Construction of the highway is likely to be staged as money becomes available.

When complete, the new section of divided highway will provide two general-purpose lanes in each direction and carpool/transit lanes from SR 161 in Puyallup to Interstate 5. Vehicles will enter the highway through interchanges at SR 161, Valley Avenue, I-5, 54th Avenue and SR 509.